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ANNUAL REPORT

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Municipal Officers

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Town of
SEARSMONT
MAINE

For the Municipal Year

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Annual Report

---of the---

Municipal Officers

---of the---

Town of **SEARSMONT, MAINE**



For the Municipal Year

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THE KELLEY PRESS, INC., BELFAST, MAINE

TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

NORMAN WITHEE

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

IRVIN R. JACKSON

PERRY L. DAVIS

LEANDER M. SPROWL

Town Treasurer

CLAYTON E. HOWES

Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Constable

RAYMOND J. ROBINSON

School Committee

MAYNARD MARRINER

FRANK JACKSON

VERNON FULLER

School Superintendent

LEWIS L. GRAY

Health Officer

ETHEL BUTLER

Fire Chief

CLAYTON E. HOWES

Constable

RICHARD SHEPARD

TOWN OF SEARSMONT

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REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Real Estate, Resident.....	178,544.00	
Real Estate, Non-resident.....	111,029.00	
		289,573.00
Personal Estate, Resident.....	58,879.80	
Personal Estate, Non-resident.....	8,306.48	
		67,186.28
Total Value of Real and Personal Estate.....		356,759.28
Total Value of Land.....	101,558.00	
Total Value of Buildings.....	188,015.00	

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND DOMESTIC FOWL

19 Horses.....	520.00	
19 Steers & Bulls.....	565.00	
279 Milk Cows.....	10,960.00	
31 Heifers, 2 yr. old.....	775.00	
28 Heifers, 18 mo. old.....	705.00	
62,986 Fowl, all ages.....	7,237.28	
		20,762.28

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade.....	2,650.00
Logs.....	5,100.00
Pulpwood.....	1,500.00
Lumber.....	6,000.00
Gasoline Pumps.....	947.00
Boats.....	800.00

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Radios & T. V.'s.....	4,045.00	
Tractors.....	9,107.00	
Machinery & Equipment.....	16,275.00	
	<hr/>	46,424.00

EXEMPT

Livestock & Poultry.....	2,160.00	
Exempt Polls, 35 @ \$3.00.....	105.00	
	<hr/>	2,265.00

ASSESSMENTS

129 Polls @ \$3.00.....	387.00	
Real and Personal Estate valued at....	30,681.29	
	<hr/>	31,068.29

TOWN OF SEARSMONT

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SELECTMEN'S REPORT

APPROPRIATIONS

Voted at Town Meeting.....	27,946.00	
County Tax.....	2,101.60	
Overlay.....	1,020.69	
Supplementary Tax.....	444.48	
June 4, Tax Commitment.....		31,068.29
		444.48
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	31,512.77	31,512.77

TOWN PROPERTY

Village School.....	10,200.00	
Union School.....	500.00	
North Searsmont School.....	700.00	
Town Hall Building.....	4,000.00	
Town Garage & Equipment.....	300.00	
Road Machinery.....	25.00	
Snow Fence.....	400.00	
Two Sanders.....	25.00	
Two Safes.....	50.00	
1/5 Interest in Weights & Measures	30.00	
1/2 Interest in 5-gal. Measure.....	7.00	
One Adding Machine.....	125.00	
One Typewriter.....	25.00	
Office Furniture.....	15.00	
Tractor & Snowplow.....	4,000.00	
Fire Fighting Equipment.....	6,000.00	
Chas. Ripley Estate.....	3,500.00	
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		29,902.00

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EXCISE TAX

Excise Tax Collections.....		2,939.61
New England Road.....	500.00	
Moody Mountain Road.....	500.00	
Balance to Surplus.....	1,939.61	
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	2,939.61	2,939.61

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMITMENT

Supplementary Commitment.....		444.48
Balance to Surplus.....	444.48	
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	444.48	444.48

OVERLAY

June 4, Committed.....		1,020.69
Feb. 6, 1957, Carried to Surplus.....	1,020.69	
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	1,020.69	1,020.69

ABATEMENTS

Abatements, 1956 Taxes.....	491.54	
Abatements, 1946 Taxes.....	18.72	
Feb. 6, 1957, Carried to Surplus.....		510.26
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	510.26	510.26

1946 TAX ACCOUNT

Ira J. Packard, Collector

1946 Taxes uncollected.....	53.09	
Feb. 6, 1957 Collected.....		34.37
Abatements.....		18.72
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	53.09	53.09

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1955 TAX ACCOUNT

Feb. 8, 1956, Uncollected.....	1,756.35	
Collected & paid to Treasurer.....		815.10
Abatements.....		20.25
1955 Tax Liens.....		921.00
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	1,756.35	1,756.35

1955 UNPAID TAX LIENS (Resident)

Callahan, Malcolm.....	36.00
Fuller, Agnes.....	108.90
Hammond, Alton, Lot No. 2.....	14.05
Harriman, Hilda.....	49.95
Smith, Harry & Lena, Lot No. 1.....	47.25
Smith, Harry & Lena, Lot No. 2.....	13.50

1955 UNPAID TAX LIENS (Non-Resident)

Butler, Herbert.....	4.50
Burke, Harrison L.....	58.50
Callahan, Leon O.....	25.65
Farrington, Stewart M., Lot No. 1.....	45.00
Farrington, Stewart M., Lot No. 2.....	9.90
Ingalls, John, Lot No. 1.....	22.50
Ingalls, John, Lot No. 2.....	9.00
Murphy, Jerry.....	19.80
Miller, Harry & Son.....	4.95
Steves, Sadie.....	22.05
Whitehead, Walter, Heirs of.....	36.00
Williams, MacKenzie.....	9.00

TOWN PROPERTY ACCOUNT

Cobb, Ida I., Heirs of.....
Rankin, Irvin.....
Cogswell, Oriel.....
Giggy, Gardner & Furrow.....

Sweetland, Phillip E. & Lillian E.
Callahan, Leon O.....
Barlow, Lenora.....
Richards, Ivory.....

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation.....		2,000.00
Distribution:		
Irvin Jackson, 1st Selectman.....	541.00	
Charles MacKenzie, 3rd Selectman	51.00	
C. E. Gelo, 2nd Selectman	66.00	
Perry Davis, 2nd Selectman	222.48	
Leander Sprowl, 3rd Selectman.....	193.75	
Charlotte Sweetland, Ballot Clerk	34.65	
Harcourt Daniels, Ballot Clerk.....	34.65	
Bertha Cushman, Ballot Clerk.....	34.65	
Hester Ryan, Ballot Clerk.....	34.65	
Norman Withee, Moderator.....	10.00	
Ethel Butler, Health Officer	24.75	
C. E. Howes, Fire Chief.....	75.00	
C. E. Howes, Town Treasurer.....	150.00	
R. J. Robinson, Town Clerk.....	75.00	
R. J. Robinson, Constable.....	8.00	
Richard Shepard, Constable	8.00	
Maynard Marriner, School Board	25.00	
Frank Jackson, School Board.....	25.00	
Vernon Fuller, School Board.....	25.00	
	1,638.58	
Balance to Surplus.....	361.42	
	2,000.00	2,000.00

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TOWN REPORT, FUEL, OFFICE SUPPLIES

Appropriation.....		500.00
Distribution:		
Liberty & Belfast Tel. & Tel. Co.....	18.60	
Eastern Telephone Co.....	10.35	
C. E. Howes.....	2.65	
Home Appliance Co.....	83.70	
The Kelley Press, Inc.....	256.38	
Loring, Short & Harmon.....	38.79	
R. J. Robinson.....	34.23	
Waldo Co. Registry of Deeds.....	7.05	
Palmer's Stationery Store.....	5.35	
Hutchins Bros.....	15.75	
Marks Printing House.....	21.66	
Central Maine Power Co.....	22.00	
Thelma Ratten.....	4.84	
Bradford Dow.....	50.00	
First National Bank.....	5.00	
	576.35	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		76.35
	576.35	576.35

CONTINGENT

Appropriation.....	200.00
Lien Cost Credits.....	115.84
State Treasurer refund, R. R. & Tel. Tax.....	12.13
State Treasurer, Bank Stock Tax.....	55.59
Stumpage on Ruffingham Meadow.....	8.00
First National Bank.....	1.00

Distribution:

Central Maine Power Co.....	18.32	
Irvin Jackson.....	10.20	
Elinor MacKenzie.....	17.00	
Charles MacKenzie.....	10.00	
C. E. Gelo.....	10.00	
C. E. Howes.....	15.39	
Field & Quimby.....	116.53	
Maine Municipal Assn.....	35.00	
Hoell A. Sanker.....	4.00	
First National Bank.....	22.74	
Frost & Wilkins, Inc.....	10.53	
Registry of Deeds.....	33.00	
R. J. Robinson.....	66.00	
A. W. Adams.....	4.70	
City Drug Store.....	4.47	
Leander Sprowl.....	7.00	
Perry Davis.....	7.20	
George Sprowl.....	3.00	
David Sprowl.....	8.00	
Marilyn Howes.....	.75	
Judson Sweetland.....	25.00	
James Robbins & Son.....	20.00	
Department of Audit.....	348.60	
Perley Allen.....	5.95	
Jasper Rawley.....	144.25	
Weldon Collins.....	1.25	
	948.88	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		556.32
	948.88	948.88

COLLECTOR'S COMMISSION

Appropriation.....		650.00
Paid R. J. Robinson.....	651.29	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		1.29
	651.29	651.29

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FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Appropriation.....		1,000.00
Distribution:		
Frost & Wilkins.....	14.03	
Maine Blueberry Growers' Assn.	129.45	
Blanchard Associates.....	398.88	
Dean & Eugley.....	14.45	
Lewis Newell.....	8.80	
C. E. Howes.....	2.95	
Home Appliance Co.....	253.37	
City of Belfast.....	14.20	
Larrabee Bros.....	6.04	
	842.17	
Balance to Surplus.....	157.83	
	1,000.00	1,000.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT—MEN

Balance from 1955.....		200.00
Sprowl Bros.....		200.00
Distribution:		
Belfast Fire Department.....	214.00	
Balance to Surplus.....	186.00	
	400.00	400.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation.....		150.00
Paid Central Maine Power Co.....	158.60	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		8.60
	158.60	158.60

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Appropriation.....		55.00
Paid to State Treasurer.....	55.00	
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	55.00	55.00

ROADS & BRIDGES

Appropriation.....	3,000.00
Transferred from Pond Road Account.....	100.00

Distribution:

Sprowl Bros.....	199.20
Howard Clark.....	218.60
Clarence Drinkwater.....	117.95
Norman Leadbetter.....	20.20
Warren Heath, Sr.....	74.31
Warren Heath, Jr.....	9.35
Harry Marriner.....	127.00
Merrill Butler.....	6.00
Frederick Lucas.....	617.40
Arnold Fuller.....	4.20
William Wellman.....	36.85
Harold Dyer.....	36.85
Jeptha Buck.....	28.48
Wesley Marple.....	50.00
Rodney Norwood.....	20.70
John Brown.....	9.45
Wallace Rajaniemi.....	30.15
Don Lucas.....	17.85
Roy Sparrow.....	2.40
Frank Fuller.....	44.20
Arthur Buck.....	13.40
Willis Gerris.....	62.79
Louis Storti.....	53.55
Bancroft & Martin.....	159.05
W. H. Shurtliff.....	422.00
Alton Hammond.....	10.10

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State Sand & Gravel Co.....	27.00	
Town of Montville.....	494.20	
Town of Palermo.....	270.90	
Milbury Hunt.....	20.00	
Burton Brown.....	72.98	
Grady Machine Shop.....	2.00	
Lucas & Cross.....	28.00	
Robert Richards.....	90.84	
Milton Pease.....	30.15	
Floyd Pease.....	4.20	
Walter Sprowl.....	9.20	
Merrill Butler.....	21.15	
Earl Sprowl.....	60.30	
Lester Fendleton.....	14.18	
Roland Woodbury.....	22.14	
James Mathieson.....	70.88	
Transferred to Moody Mt. Road Account.....	107.86	
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	3,738.01	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		638.01
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	3,738.01	3,738.01

MOODY MOUNTAIN ROAD

Excise Tax.....		500.00
Transferred from Roads & Bridges Acct.....		107.86
Distribution:		
Howard Clark.....	84.51	
Gardner Ripley.....	4.20	
Frederick Lucas.....	516.00	
Donald Lucas.....	3.15	
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	607.86	607.86

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation.....	900.00
Credit Town Equipment.....	775.24
Town of Appleton.....	71.25
Frank Camacho.....	7.50
Viljo Hill.....	1.00
State Treasurer.....	2,787.20

Distribution:

Charles MacKenzie.....	38.00
Harry Marriner.....	710.85
Norman Leadbetter.....	255.44
James Bartlett.....	481.93
Don Lucas.....	202.93
Town of Searsmont.....	782.87
C. E. Gelo.....	145.13
Malcolm Place.....	11.50
Fred Lucas.....	788.10
Village Market.....	64.63
C. E. Howes.....	50.49
Sprowl Bros.....	61.66
Sheldon Garage.....	31.90
Sheldon Bros.....	1.20
Warren Heath, Sr.....	603.90
Warren Heath, Jr.....	130.95
Burt Brown.....	33.00
Drummond Hemenway.....	16.00
Gardner Hemenway.....	19.50
Hall Hardware.....	34.87
State Treasurer.....	134.00
Claud Turner.....	8.50
Elwin Sheldon.....	4.60
Henry Smith.....	7.05
Howard Clark.....	320.98
Frank Camacho.....	10.00
Ernest Potvin.....	2.00
Leander Sprowl.....	122.34

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Clarence Drinkwater.....	37.80	
Carl Gelo.....	2.25	
Wylie Patten.....	15.50	
Robert Cushman.....	34.10	
Leroy Parnell.....	5.00	
Norman Gerrish.....	8.00	
Clyde Ripley.....	5.00	
Gardner Ripley.....	38.90	
Lawrence Cushman.....	113.25	
Leonard Cross.....	7.00	
Louis Storti.....	18.90	
M. W. Blake.....	5.08	
Eastern Tractor & Equipment Co.....	245.15	
John Mehuren.....	3.00	
Irvin Jackson.....	14.50	
Howard Mehuren.....	6.00	
Albert Erskin.....	6.50	
Hazel Lucas.....	1.25	
Frederick Cross.....	770.10	
Frederick Cross, Jr.....	78.75	
Richard Ames.....	356.99	
Donald Mehuren.....	7.88	
Arnold Fuller.....	2.10	
Frank Fuller.....	4.20	
J. A. Robbins & Son.....	5.00	
Bert Billings.....	15.23	
David Cushman.....	4.20	
Webber Oil Co.....	39.14	
State Highway Commission.....	336.00	
	7,261.09	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		2,718.90
	7,261.09	7,261.09

CIVIL DEFENSE

Appropriation.....		200.00
Balance to Surplus.....	200.00	
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	200.00	200.00

STATE AID ROAD NO. 6

Appropriation.....	1,066.00
State Treasurer.....	2,132.00
Transferred from Third Class Road Maintenance.....	220.78

Distribution:

Fred Foy.....	230.01
Burton Melvin.....	26.78
Wylie Patten.....	48.00
Warren Heath, Sr.....	157.13
Warren Heath, Jr.....	50.40
Ernest Foy.....	17.33
Fred Lucas.....	678.75
Westbra Bowley.....	226.25
Clayton Littlefield.....	201.00
Milton Pease.....	201.00
Earl Sprowl.....	155.78
Rodney Norwood.....	138.00
John Brown.....	63.00
Merrill Butler.....	127.85
Sprowl Bros.....	262.30
Willis Gerrish.....	104.31
Robert Richards.....	167.50
Walter Sprowl.....	72.45
Floyd Pease.....	33.08
Alton Hammond.....	134.50
Ben Cunningham.....	6.00
Francis Brodis.....	18.00

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Aubrey Collmer.....	84.00	
Bancroft & Martin.....	215.36	
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	3,418.78	3,418.78

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT & NEW ENGLAND ROAD

Appropriation.....	500.00
Excise Tax.....	500.00
State Treasurer.....	3,963.76

Distribution:

Warren Heath, Jr.....	44.70
Clarence Drinkwater.....	102.85
Howard Clark.....	73.70
James Bartlett.....	20.30
Henry Boivine.....	21.78
Don Lucas.....	21.00
Frederick Lucas.....	1,605.88
Lucas & Cross.....	141.25
Roy Sparrow.....	34.10
Bancroft & Martin.....	288.20
Alton Hammond.....	131.80
Merrill Butler.....	114.93
Clarence Heald.....	11.90
Milbury Hunt.....	236.20
Town of Montville.....	43.20
Wesley Marple.....	412.50
Westbra Bowley.....	70.50
William Wellman.....	162.58
Harold Dyer.....	161.10
Arthur Buck.....	59.80
Jeptha Buck.....	27.30
Warren Heath, Sr.....	75.90
Sprowl Bros.....	238.80
Willis Gerrish.....	94.05
Roger Jackson.....	1.05
Irvin Jackson.....	27.40

Maurice Turner.....	174.38	
Charles MacKenzie.....	4.36	
Carl Gelo.....	6.66	
Reginald Powell.....	3.41	
Arnold Fuller.....	23.25	
Earl Sprowl.....	105.53	
Nathan Fease.....	91.29	
Wellman Haskell.....	60.30	
Douglas Chadwick.....	41.40	
William Chadwick.....	18.90	
Ernest Hooper.....	19.16	
Myron Glendenning.....	61.14	
Arthur Belden.....	61.14	
Walter Sprowl.....	30.98	
Royce Nelson.....	30.98	
Millard Sabin.....	39.06	
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	4,994.71	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		30.95
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	4,994.71	4,994.71

POND ROAD

Appropriation.....		100.00
Transferred to Roads & Bridges Acct.	100.00	
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	100.00	100.00

THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation.....		500.00
Transferred to State Aid Road		
No. 6 Acct.....	220.78	
Balance to Surplus.....	279.22	
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	500.00	500.00

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POOR RELIEF

Appropriation.....	600.00	
Town of Bowdoinham.....	175.60	

Distribution:

Case No. 1

George Clements.....	60.00	
Kirk Drug Store.....	44.14	
City Drug Store.....	109.55	
John A. Caswell, M. D.....	20.00	
Charles R Coombs.....	150.00	

	383.69	

Case No. 2

Waldo County Hospital.....	122.60	
George L. Temple, M. D.....	53.00	

	175.60	

Case No. 3

The Men's Shop.....	5.74	
Stephenson & Son.....	11.96	

	17.70	
Balance to Surplus.....	198.61	

775.60	775.60
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STATE POOR RELIEF

State Treasurer, Feb. 8, 1956	193.54	
State Treasurer.....		634.64
Due from State Treasurer.....		154.56

Distribution:

Case No. 1

Frost & Wilkins.....	332.97
Donald MacDonald.....	5.00
Kirk Drug Store.....	101.69
John A. Caswell, M. D.....	153.00
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	592.66

Case No. 2

John A. Caswell, M. D.....	3.00	
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	789.20	789.20

MOTHERS' AID

Balance from 1955.....	1,154.65
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Distribution:

State Treasurer.....	689.94
Town of Lincolnville.....	125.12
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	815.06
Balance to Surplus.....	339.59
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	1,154.65
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	1,154.65

SUPPLEMENT AID TO OLD AGE & BLIND

Balance from 1955.....	723.72
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Distribution:

Case No. 1

George Clements.....	489.00
City Drug Store.....	64.13
Kirk Drug Store.....	7.48

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Seth Read, M. D.....	10.00
Stephenson & Son.....	5.96
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	576.57

Case No. 2

Arnold A. Walker, M. D.....	18.00
George L. Temple, M. D.....	27.00
R. A. Banks.....	31.22
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	76.22

Case No. 3

John Caswell, M. D.....	75.00	
Overdraft to Surplus.....		4.07
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	727.79	727.79

SUPPLEMENT CARE OF OAK GROVE CEMETERY

Appropriation.....	200.00
Unexpended from 1955.....	171.41
Distribution:	
Charles MacKenzie.....	33.60
Burton Melvin.....	73.50
Malcolm Callahan.....	8.40
Brierbilt Boat Co.....	7.85
Hall Hardware.....	2.50
C. E. Howes.....	3.95
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	129.80
Balance to Surplus.....	241.61
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	371.41
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	371.41

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OLD CEMETERIES AND FLAGS

Appropriation		200.00
Credit First National Bank		92.45
Distribution:		
C. E. Howes40	
Burton Melvin	59.85	
Charles MacKenzie	26.25	
George Cossar	15.00	
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	101.50	
Balance to Surplus	190.95	
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	292.45	292.45

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation		2,101.60
Paid County Treasurer	2,101.60	
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	2,101.60	2,101.60

INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation		500.00
Paid First National Bank	425.99	
Balance to Surplus	74.01	
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	500.00	500.00

OUTSTANDING LOANS

Feb. 8, 1956, Due First Natl. Bank		6,900.00
Paid to First Natl. Bank, Bickford		
Bridge Loan	650.00	
Paid to First Natl. Bank, Fire Dept.		
Loan	1,000.00	
Feb. 6, 1957, Due First Natl. Bank	5,250.00	
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	6,900.00	6,900.00

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PORCUPINE BOUNTY

Feb. 8, 1956, Due from State Treasurer.....	32.50	
Received from State Treasurer.....		39.00
Paid to Town Treasurer.....	25.00	
Feb. 6, 1957, Uncollected from State Treasurer.....		18.50
	<hr/> 57.50	<hr/> 57.50

ROBBINS ROAD

Appropriation.....		100.00
Distribution:		
Bancroft & Martin.....	24.46	
Lawrence Robbins.....	75.54	
	<hr/> 100.00	<hr/> 100.00

STATE OF MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU

Appropriation.....		25.00
Paid to State Treasurer.....	25.00	
	<hr/> 25.00	<hr/> 25.00

CHARLES RIPLEY INCOME ACCOUNT

Feb. 8, 1956, Bal. 1st Natl. Bank.....	787.57	
Interest.....	6.70	
Deposits.....	144.50	
Withdrawals.....		250.00
Feb. 6, 1957, Bal. 1st Natl. Bank.....		688.77
	<hr/> 938.77	<hr/> 938.77

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SURPLUS ACCOUNT

Feb. 8, 1956,	Balance as per audit		3,107.15
Feb. 6, 1957	Town Officers' Salaries		361.42
" " "	Town Report, Fuel,		
	Office Supp.....	76.35	
" " "	Contingent.....	556.32	
" " "	Collector's Commission	1.29	
" " "	Fire Dept. Equipment		157.83
" " "	Fire Dept., Men.....		186.00
" " "	Street Lights.....	8.60	
" " "	Roads & Bridges.....	638.01	
" " "	Snow Removal	2,718.90	
" " "	Civil Defense.....		200.00
" " "	Town Road Imp.	30.95	
" " "	Third Class Road		
	Maintenance		279.22
" " "	Poor Relief.....		198.61
" " "	Mothers' Aid.....		339.59
" " "	Supplement Aid to Old		
	Age & Blind.....	4.07	
" " "	Common Schools.....	567.58	
" " "	Schoolhouse Repairs &		
	Insurance		140.69
" " "	School Lunches.....	15.24	
" " "	Supplement Care of		
	Oak Grove Cemetery		241.61
" " "	Old Cemeteries & Flags		190.95
" " "	Interest on Loans.....		74.01
" " "	Excise Tax.....		1,939.61
" " "	Overlay.....		1,020.69
" " "	Supplementary		
	Commitments.....		444.48
" " "	Abatements.....	510.26	
" " "	Town Property.....		225.64
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		5,127.57	9,107.50

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TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on Hand, Feb. 8, 1956		4,476.29
R. J. Robinson, 1956 Taxes.....	29,415.60	
R. J. Robinson, 1955 Taxes.....	815.10	
R. J. Robinson, 1956 Excise Tax	2,939.61	
Ira Packard, 1946 Tax.....	34.37	
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		33,204.68

First National Bank of Belfast.....	10,000.00	10,000.00
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Received from State Treasurer:

State School Fund.....	7,150.28	
State Poor Relief.....	595.23	
Town Road Improvement.....	3,963.76	
Snow Removal.....	2,787.20	
R. R. & Telephone Refund.....	12.13	
Bank Stock Tax Refund.....	55.59	
State Aid Road.....	2,132.00	
Porcupine Bounty.....	39.00	
Stumpage Ruffingham Meadow	8.00	
Hot Lunch.....	18.33	
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		16,761.52

Withholding Tax Cr.....	1,056.40	
Acct. Receivable 1955 Excise Tax	3.34	
Cr. by Audit report 1954 Excise Tax	1.06	
R. J. Robinson, 1954 Tax.....	.93	
Repairs on Town Hall, Etta Marriner	100.00	
Tractor & Sander.....	775.24	
Plowing Driveway, V. Hill.....	1.00	
Central Maine Power Co. Refund	24.01	
Sprowl Bros., Fire Dept.....	200.00	
Searsmont P. T. A., School Seats.....	225.00	

First Natl. Bank, Cemetery Trust	
Fund.....	92.45
Frank Camacho, Refund.....	7.50
U. S. Treasury Dept. refund.....	7.20
Town of Appleton, Snow Removal.....	71.25
First Natl. Bank, refund	
Service Charge.....	1.00
Frost & Wilkins, refund Poor Relief.....	39.41
First Natl. Bank, refund on check	3.78
Town of Bowdoinham, reimbursement	175.60
Town Property sales, Norman	
Leadbetter.....	174.08
Town Property sales, Ethelyn Fuller....	110.36
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	3,069.61

1954 TAX LIENS SALES

Lewis Fuller.....	15.75
Hilda Harriman.....	50.18
Ivan Cartet, paid by Raymond Carter	7.58
Norman Fuller.....	47.63
Malcolm Callahan.....	37.00
Leon & Malcolm Callahan.....	27.55
Harry & Lena Smith.....	63.38
Stewart Farrington.....	58.18
Bertrand Drummond, paid by	
Keith Cross.....	133.90
Jerry Murphy.....	22.03
Harry Miller & Sons.....	8.01
Agnes Fuller.....	105.85
Ambrose Ellis.....	22.03
Heirs of Walter Whitehead, paid by	
Reginald Magno.....	17.33
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616.40

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1955 TAX LIENS SALES

Paul Nelson.....	43.08	
Archie & Lillian Reed.....	72.33	
Louise Sharkey.....	38.63	
Raymond Carter.....	22.43	
Norman Fuller.....	51.25	
Jane Tenney.....	14.33	
Heir of Ora Jones, paid by Frederick Jones.....	6.43	
Byron Carr.....	33.63	
Earl Tenney.....	40.43	
Leo F. Co'mier.....	102.08	
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		424.62
Total of Receipts.....		68,553.12
Less Warrants Drawn.....		66,253.84
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		2,299.28

Signed,

CLAYTON E. HOWES

Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Year of 1956

Tax Commitment June 4, 1956.....	31,068.29	
Supplemental Commitment.....	444.48	
Collected and Paid to Treasurer.....		29,415.60
Abatements.....		491.54
Uncollected to 1957.....		1,605.63
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	31,512.77	31,512.77

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signed) RAYMOND J. ROBINSON
Tax Collector, 1956

UNPAID TAXES FOR 1956—RESIDENT

**Paid after books were closed

Baker, George.....	4.30**
Callahan, Malcolm.....	6.45
Callahan, Malcolm.....	34.40
Callahan, Malcolm & Margaret	30.10
Fuller, Milon.....	17.20
Fuller, Agnes G.....	104.06
Fuller, Lewis.....	12.90
Fuller, Gardner.....	12.90
Gelo, Clarence E.....	18.89
Harriman, Hilda A.....	47.73
Marriner, Harry F.....	25.80
Marriner, Harry F.....	6.88
Marriner, Clifton T. & Myrtle	38.70
Mortise, Shirley T. & Videll J.	30.10

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Poland, Walter S., Heirs of.....	7.31
Sparrow, Hale L. & Lillian A.....	107.50
Sparrow, Hale L.....	4.30
Smith, Harry E., Sr. & Lena.....	58.05
Sharkey, Louise.....	32.68
Storti, Louis P.....	73.10
Woods, Merton E.....	55.90
Wilson, Wentworth A.....	9.46
Cogswell, John D.....	7.30

 746.01

UNPAID TAXES FOR 1956—NON-RESIDENT

Butler, Herbert.....	4.30
Brown, Gladys L.....	85.14
Burke, Harrison L.....	55.90
Callahan, Leon O. & Malcolm.....	24.51
Carr, Byron A.....	24.08
Cummings, Sibelle & May MacKenna.....	104.92**
Carter, Raymond & Carl Dudley.....	17.20
Conant, Charles.....	21.50
Fish, Leon C.....	34.40
Farrington, Stuart M.....	37.46
Flanders, Carl.....	9.46
Gott, Carl H.....	47.30
Hjulstrom, William A.....	4.30
Lopez, Ezequiel.....	34.40
Murphy, Jerry E.....	18.92
Miller, Harry & Son.....	4.73
Rockland Poultry Co.....	103.15**
Steves, Sadie.....	21.07
Tenney, Earl.....	24.40
Vickery, John A. & Doris A.....	124.70
Vickery, John A. & Doris A.....	1.72

Whitehead, Walter, Heirs of.....	34.40	
Whitehead, Walter, Heirs of.....	.86	
Wasgatt, Sydney.....	20.64	
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Total Unpaid.....		1,605.63

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

There were 4 births at home, 11 in hospitals elsewhere.

There were 9 marriages recorded.

There were 13 deaths recorded

There were 6 residents buried here, 1 buried elsewhere.

There were 2 non-residents buried here.

There were 4 non-residents born here, buried elsewhere.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND J. ROBINSON
Town Clerk
Searsmont, Maine

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Through the efforts of your Local Health Officer and a few interested citizens acting as a health committee, it has been possible for a Public Health Nursing program to be carried on in Searsmont this year.

Three Child Health Conferences were held, physical examinations, the triple vaccine, for diphtheria, tetanus, and whooping cough, small pox vaccine and Polio vaccine were offered. 28 children attended these conferences.

Two Polio Vaccine Clinics were held in the schools; 58 pupils received two inoculations. Booster doses of the vaccine are now available and plans are being made for these clinics to be held in the early part of 1957.

Audiometer testing, as a means of finding children with defective hearing, was done in the schools. The sub-primary, first, second, third, and eighth grades were included in this program. In the other grades the test was given to the pupils at the request of the teachers. 62 students were tested, 13 were retested and 3 pupils were found to have defective hearing.

Other services for the community have been those offered through the State Sponsored Clinic.

Your Local Health Officer, the health committee, the town officials, and the school personnel working together have made it possible for the community to benefit from these services.

My sincere thanks to all who have made it possible for a health program to have been carried on in Searsmont this year.

Respectfully submitted,

EMMA CREAMER
Public Health Nurse

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources

Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1956.....	750.35	
Raised by Town.....	13,000.00	
State School Fund.....	7,100.28	
Professional Credit.....	50.00	
Refund from Central Maine Power Company.....	24.01	
Refund from Collector of Internal Revenue.....	7.20	
Total.....		20,931.84

Liabilities

Elementary Teachers.....	8,298.58	
Professional Credits.....	100.00	
Elementary Tuition:		
Town of Montville.....	100.00	
Secondary Tuition:		
City of Belfast.....	3,650.78	
Camden School Dept.....	1,770.00	
Town of Liberty.....	900.00	
Town of Appleton.....	875.00	
Salary of Supt. of Schools.....	456.24	
Janitorial Service.....	280.00	
Conveyance & Bus Insurance.....	3,422.68	
Fuel.....	791.70	
Textbooks & Supplies.....	664.78	
Telephone & Electric.....	189.66	
Total.....		21,499.42
Overdraft, Feb. 1, 1957.....		567.58

LUNCH ACCOUNT

Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1956.....	38.49	
Raised by Town.....	200.00	
Government Milk Subsidy.....	18.33	
Total Available.....	256.82	
Paid on Order.....	272.06	
Overdraft, Feb. 1, 1957.....		15.24

REPAIR & INSURANCE

Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1956.....	297.70	
Raised by Town.....	750.00	
Received from P. T. A.....	225.00	
Total Available.....	1,272.70	
Paid on Order.....	1,132.01	
Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1957.....		140.69

PROPOSED BUDGET

Elementary Teachers.....	8,100.00
Professional Credits.....	100.00
Secondary Tuition:	
City of Belfast.....	5,131.56
Camden School Dept.....	1,240.00
Town of Liberty.....	975.00
Town of Appleton.....	1,050.00
Elementary Tuition.....	150.00
Salary of Supt. of Schools.....	456.24
Janitorial Service.....	280.00
Conveyance & Bus Insurance.....	3,422.68
Fuel.....	800.00
Textbooks & Supplies.....	600.00

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Electric & Telephone.....	150.00	
Overdraft.....	567.58	
Total.....		23,023.06

Sources

State School Fund.....	8,673.00
To be raised by Town.....	15,000.00

This suggested appropriation is a very conservative one and takes in a possibility and probability that the town will vote to discontinue the North School.

Repair

To be raised by Town.....	1,200.00
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This suggested appropriation takes into consideration the possibility and probability that the town will vote to discontinue the North School.

You will note that there is an article in the warrant, to see if the town will vote to discontinue the North School. In order that you may vote with an attitude of fairness and justice, it may be helpful for you to know that the majority of the people, in that section of the town, desire to have the school discontinued and that the school committee, at a recent meeting, has voted to recommend such action. This, of course, will incur extra expense in building adjustments at the Village School and will also, include expense for proper conveyance.

The lunch program, at the Village School, can not be run as long as usual this year. This is due to the fact that the independent lunches will receive no government free foods this year. Gertrude Griney, State Lunch Director, at a recent meeting of the P. T. A. in Liberty, informed them that the prospects are, that from now on the independent lunches will fare no better for government foods than they have this past year. The Federal School Lunch Program has greatly enlarged and leaves no government foods for the independent lunch.

I hope that you people are aware of the fact that there is a tremendous survey taking place in the State of Maine, in regard to Maine's system of education. Certain facts stand out glaringly in need of adjustment. The legislators are giving very careful attention to the findings of the survey and it looks as though there will be considerable new legislation introduced under the guidance of the survey. This study has come about as the result of an appropriation of \$25,000 by the last legislature, to study education in the State of Maine. It is known as the Jacobs Report, because the work has been directed by the Jacobs Company of Chicago. You will be hearing more about this report and new legislation, if passed, may cause special town meetings throughout the state in order to conform. That is a matter of conjecture and the only thing we can do, is proceed with appropriations etc., as situations and present laws demand.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS L. GRAY

Superintendent of Schools

State of Maine
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
Augusta

June 15, 1956

Board of Selectmen
Searsmont,
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 91, Section 142 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Searsmont for the fiscal year ended February 11, 1956.

The examination was in the form of a limited general audit as recommended by the National Committee on Governmental Accounting and was conducted by Auditor C. G. Hawes of the State Department of Audit. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary.

Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town were appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments.

The financial and statistical sections, incorporated in this report, present the result of the Town's financial operations for the period designated. Recommendations are also offered which are believed worthy of consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY
State Auditor

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COMMENTS

Town of Searsmont

February 12, 1955 to February 11, 1956

An audit of the financial records maintained by various officers of the Town of Searsmont has been completed for the municipal year ended February 11, 1956.

The examination included a review of cash transactions as well as an analysis of available funds and expenditures and the results are incorporated in the following text, exhibits and schedules pertaining to the fiscal affairs of the town.

The fiscal year's operations showed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$2,497.51, per the following summary:

Departmental Operations:

Unexpended Balances.....	5,446.94
Overdrafts.....	2,949.43

Net Unexpended Balances....	2,497.51

Overdrafts for the most part, were reflected in various highway accounts as well as abatements, discounts and interest. The Department of Attorney General has advised that overdrafts are not permitted by statute except in certain instances where emergencies arise in highway activities and then only to the extent of 15% of the highway appropriation.

The audit also revealed that the following suggestions are worthy of consideration:

Attention is directed to Chapter 91, Section 33 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, which provides in part that deposits shall be made by the treasurer at least twice each month when balances exceed \$100.00.

Appropriation balances which are to be carried forward from year to year, excepting those required to be carried forward by law, should receive the approval of the voters.

Assets

The cash balance of \$4,496.79 was reconciled with a statement furnished by the First National Bank of Belfast, Maine and an actual count of cash.

Other assets including taxes, tax liens and tax acquired property were reviewed and verification undertaken to determine their correctness. Unpaid accounts were also reconciled with balances shown on the records of the selectmen.

The anticipated federal and state participation for hurricane damage had been reduced to \$1,661.54 at the close of the current year. Although the remaining balance may not be fully realized, no adjustment will be made until final settlement is received.

Liabilities

Insofar as could be ascertained the general fund liabilities at the close of the year were \$2,011.00. This amount represents accounts payable of \$11.00 and the balance of the hurricane damage note of \$2,000.00.

Reserves and Surplus

The appropriation accounts reflect unexpended balances of \$3,774.86 (Exhibit D) representing various account balances that are carried forward to the ensuing year in accordance with legal requirements or customary practice.

Withholding tax deductions due the Director of Internal Revenue totaled \$116.00 at February 11, 1956.

The unappropriated surplus of the town amounted to \$3,107.15, an increase of \$2,497.51 for the year. This was occasioned by the excess of available funds over expenditures.

Debt Fund

The debt fund, which is incorporated in the statement of financial condition as a separate fund, reflects outstanding bridge construction notes, fire truck and equipment notes of \$1,900.00, \$2,000.00 and \$1,000.00 respectively, which are to be retired from revenues of future years.

Trust Funds

The total amount of trust fund principals was \$13,650.00 and unexpended income amounted to \$2,608.07. These funds are represented by U. S. Government Bonds of \$11,300.00 and time deposits of \$4,958.07 in the First National Bank of Belfast, Maine.

Available Funds and Expenditures

An analysis of the comparative statement of available funds revealed a decrease of \$3,668.94, as compared with the previous year. This was occasioned principally by hurricane damage participation and surplus transfers. However, proceeds from notes issued, a change in carrying balances and a higher tax levy were contributing factors.

Expenditures for the same period decreased \$6,520.61, which was reflected principally in the hurricane damage account. Increases noted in highway, education and equipment expenditures were also factors.

A method of effectively canceling paid invoices should be adopted. This may be accomplished either by perforation or a rubber stamp device.

General

An examination of the town clerk's records revealed that the transfer of \$500.00 of excise tax revenue to the New England road account was authorized by the townspeople. Voter authorization for the issuance of notes of \$3,000.00 for the purchase of a fire truck and equipment was also noted.

Scope of Audit

Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. External verifications, on a test basis, were utilized to determine the correctness of recorded assets and liabilities.

Receipts, vouchers and canceled checks were examined for a selected period and major increases or decreases in revenue or expenditures over previous years were explored. Bond coverages were examined. Excise tax collections were verified by examination of the copies of the receipts retained by the collector. Educational account balances were reconciled with those of the Superintendent of Schools. Trust fund transactions were reviewed. The investments were verified by bank confirmation.

Various laws pertaining to the fiscal operations of the municipality were reviewed to determine that related financial transactions had been properly administered.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed advisable to develop these statements.

It is believed that the accompanying statement of financial condition and supporting information present fairly the financial position of the town at February 11, 1956 and the result of its operations for the year then ended.

EXHIBIT A

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

General Fund			
ASSETS			
	February 11, 1956	February 11, 1955	
Cash—General (Sch. A-1).....	4,476.29	3,193.41	
—Petty.....	20.50		
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	4,496.79		3,193.41
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-2)...	311.44		97.06
Taxes Receivable.....	1,813.37	1,966.99	
Less—Reserve for Losses.....	56.09	56.09	
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	1,757.28		1,910.90
Tax Liens (Sch. A-4).....	645.84		983.12
Tax Acquired Property (Sch. A-5)	136.12		168.34
Hurricane Damage Participation—			
State Anticipation.....			2,787.23
Federal Anticipation.....	1,661.54		932.50
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Total—General Fund.....	9,009.01		10,072.56
LIABILITIES			
Accounts Payable (Sch. A-6).....	11.00		5.00
Notes Payable (Sch. A-8).....	2,000.00		1,000.00
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Total Liabilities.....	2,011.00		4,005.00
RESERVES			
Authorized Expenditures.....	3,774.86	5,826.61	
Less—Overdrafts.....		398.34	
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(Exhibit D).....	3,774.86	5,428.27	
Due Governmental Agencies			
(Sch. A-7).....	116.00	29.65	
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Total Reserves.....	3,890.86		5,457.92
SURPLUS			
Unappropriated (Exhibit C).....	3,107.15		609.64
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Total—General Fund.....	9,009.01		10,072.56
Debt Fund			
ASSETS			
Amount Necessary to Retire Notes			
from Future Revenue.....	4,900.00		2,550.00
LIABILITIES			
Notes Payable (Sch. A-8).....	4,900.00		2,550.00
Trust Fund			
ASSETS			
Time Deposits (Sch. A-7).....	4,958.07		4,612.39
Investments (Sch. A-7).....	11,300.00		11,300.00
Total—Trust Funds.....	16,258.07		15,912.39
LIABILITIES			
Principals (Sch. A-9).....	13,650.00		13,650.00
Unexpended Income (Sch. A-9)...	2,608.07		2,262.39
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Total—Trust Funds.....	16,258.07		15,912.39

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EXHIBIT B

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF AVAILABLE FUNDS
AND EXPENDITURES

	Years Ended		
	2-11-1956	2-11-1955	2-12-1954
Revenues:			
Real, Personal and Poll Taxes.....	33,397.06	31,198.97	30,264.16
Supplemental Taxes.....	57.60	36.43	271.71
Excise Taxes.....	3,058.02	2,193.06	2,336.24
State of Maine.....	14,886.93	13,635.26	9,753.25
Hurricane Damage—State and Federal.....	1,263.97	13,402.93	
Gain on Sale of Tax Acquired Property.....	441.49	100.00	51.88
Education Contributions.....			72.36
Tax Lien Costs.....	146.25	149.26	117.91
Rental Town Property.....	12.00	120.00	162.00
Interest on Trust Funds.....	45.78		84.20
Use of Tractor and Sander.....	130.63		88.50
Sales.....	126.99		
Miscellaneous.....	66.48	61.50	1.50
Total Revenues.....	53,633.20	60,897.41	43,203.71
Add:			
Transfer from Surplus.....		1,000.00	
Hurricane Damage Participation:			
State Anticipation.....		2,787.23	
Federal Anticipation.....	729.04	932.50	
Proceeds from Notes Issued.....	3,000.00		3,200.00
Decrease in Carrying Balances.....	1,653.41		
	59,015.65	65,617.14	46,403.71
Deduct:			
Increase in Carrying Balances.....		2,932.55	1,004.53
Total Available Funds.....	59,015.65	62,684.59	45,399.18
Expenditures:			
General Government.....	3,507.14	3,595.38	3,094.85
Protection.....	261.39	458.94	323.41
Fire Equipment.....	4,034.91	124.42	100.72
Health.....	55.00	55.00	55.00
Highways and Bridges.....	19,986.43	15,130.10	14,634.53
Hurricane Damage.....	1,993.01	17,122.66	
Charities.....	1,681.83	3,700.89	5,671.40
Education.....	19,855.09	18,586.55	17,329.53
Cemeteries.....	772.16	267.30	232.40
Interest.....	517.62	215.80	214.47
Special Assessments.....	2,101.60	2,070.15	2,070.15
Unclassified.....	1,101.96	561.56	781.78
Total Operating Expenditures.....	55,868.14	61,888.75	44,508.24
Debt Retirement—Notes.....	650.00	1,150.00	2,800.00
Total Expenditures.....	56,518.14	63,038.75	47,308.24
Excess of Available Funds over Expenditures.....	2,497.51		
Excess of Expenditures over Available Funds.....		354.16	1,909.06

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TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine

County of Waldo, ss

To Richard Shepard, a Constable of the Town of Searsmont
in the County of Waldo, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Searsmont qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in the Village in said Town on the Fourth day of March, A. D. 1957 at ten o'clock Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

(The amounts listed below were recommended by the Budget Committee:)

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, and Collector of Taxes.
- Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
- Art. 6. To choose one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.
- Art. 7. To choose one member of the School Committee, for three years.

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Art. 8. To choose a Collector of Taxes and to determine the method of Collecting the taxes. *P. Robinson*

Art. 9. To choose one or more Constables for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To choose a Fire Chief for the ensuing year. *B. P. H. H.*

Art. 11. To choose all other Town Officers.

Art. 12. To see what wages the Town will vote to pay the following men and equipment for the ensuing year:

- (a) Men and trucks. *W. M. H.*
- (b) School Committee..... \$25.00 each *O. K.*
- (c) Health Officer..... 25.00 *W. H.*
- (d) Town Clerk..... 75.00 *W. H.*
- (e) Town Treasurer..... 150.00 *W. H.*
- (f) Selectmen same as last year
 - 1st— \$1.50 per hr.)
 - 2nd— 1.25 " ")
 - 3rd— 1.25 " ") *J. P. H.*
- (g) Fire Chief—Same as last year \$75.00 *W. H.*
- (h) All other Town Officers. *W. M. H.*

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to grant a two percent or more abatements on taxes for voluntary cash payment on or before July 10, 1957. *J. P. H.*

Art. 14. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$55.00 for Public Health Nursing in Searsmont, said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service. *55-*

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Art. 15. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges under the provisions of Section 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended. \$1066.00 (2 units). 1066.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to use both units of State Aid Road money on the East Searsmont Road. yll

Art. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes:

(a) Poor Relief.....	\$1,000.00	1000
(b) Mothers' Aid.....	900.00	900
(c) Supplement Aid to Old Age Assistance and Blind.....	800.00	800
(d) Roads and Bridges.....	4,000.00	4000
(e) Maintenance of Improved Third Class Roads.....	500.00	500
(f) Snow removal for the year 1957-58, and by what methods the snow shall be removed.....	900.00	900
(g) Town Officers' Salaries.....	2,000.00	1400
(h) Contingent Account.....	300.00	300
(i) Town Report, Fuel & Office Supplies.....	500.00	500
(j) Interest on Loans.....	400.00	400
(k) Commission of Tax Collector.....	650.00	650
(l) Fire Department Equipment.....	1,000.00	1000
(m) Fire Department Men.....	200.00	200
(n) Old Cemeteries and Flags.....	200.00	200
(o) To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to take care of fire department notes in the First National Bank of Belfast.....	1,000.00	1000.-

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Superintending School Committee to discontinue the North Searsmont School; said Committee having submitted its written recommendation that said school be discontinued, and having made preparation to continue the schooling of the pupils of the said school at the Village School.

yes

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for the support of Common Schools for the coming year..... \$15,000.00

15,000.00

Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for the schoolhouse repairs, insurance and new equipment..... 1,200.00

1,200.00

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote (a) to enter into a street lighting contract with Central Maine Power Company for a term of not less than ten (10) years covering the Town's existing street lighting system and such additional installations as may be installed in accordance with the provisions of the contract; the Town to pay to Central Maine Power Company for the street lighting service furnished and delivered to it under the provisions of the contract the sums prescribed by the Company's applicable rate schedule, which in no event shall be less than 90% of the maximum amount of the Company's monthly billing to the Town for the street lighting service contracted for under the Company's applicable rate schedule during any previous twelve months' period expiring on the anniversary date of the contract, and (b) to authorize the Selectmen or the Town Manager to execute and deliver to Central Maine Power Company said street lighting contract.

yes

- Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$175.00 necessary to cover the street lighting service furnished to the Town for the current fiscal year under the contract with Central Maine Power Company. 175-
- Art. 23. To see by what method the Town will vote to adopt for the care of the poor and needy of said Town during the ensuing year. *to selectmen*
- Art. 24. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Civilian Defense \$200.00 200-
- Art. 25. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$650.00 to take care of bridge construction note at the First National Bank of Belfast..... 650.00 650-
- Art. 26. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for construction of Moody Mountain Road beginning at the Cora Richards Road..... 500.00 500-
- Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to earmark \$500.00 of excise Tax for construction of Moody Mountain Road beginning at the Cora Richards Road..... \$500.00 500-
- Art. 28. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the Robbins Road, so called, said road leading from Route No. 131 to Toothaker's Field..... 100.00 100-
- Art. 29. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen in behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deed for such property. ✓

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Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure Temporary Loan or Loans, not to exceed a total of \$10,000.00 and to execute and deliver in the name of the Town its note or notes thereof, said loan or loans to be paid during the municipal year out of money raised by taxes during the current year.

yes

Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for School Lunches..... 400.00

400-

Art. 32. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for supplement aid to care of Oak Grove Cemetery and any other necessary aid for other cemeteries..... 200.00

200-

Art. 33. To see whether or not the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108, of the Revised Statutes of 1954.

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Art. 34. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to petition the Probate Court for permission to sell the Ripley estate.

yes

Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to sell the Ripley estate (provided permission is granted by the Probate Court) and apply the proceeds from the sale to a New School Building Fund.

yes

Art. 36. To elect a Research Committee to investigate the possibilities of a new school building.

Art. 37. To see if the Town will vote to take all available funds in excess of \$2000.00 from the Surplus account, and apply said funds to a New School Building Fund.

yes

Art. 38. To see if the Town will vote to find a new location for the Town Dump.

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town Hall at nine o'clock Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon on the Fourth Day of March, A. D. 1957, for correcting the voting lists.

Given under our hand this fifteenth day of February, A. D. 1957.

A true copy attest:

IRVIN R. JACKSON
PERRY L. DAVIS
LEANDER M. SPROWL

Selectmen of Searsmont

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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

NORMAN WITHEE

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor

IRVIN R. JACKSON

PERRY L. DAVIS

LEANDER M. SPROWL

Town Treasurer

CLAYTON E. HOWES

Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Constable

RAYMOND J. ROBINSON

School Committee

MAYNARD MARRINER

FRANK JACKSON

VERNON FULLER

School Superintendent

LEWIS L. GRAY

Health Officer

ETHEL BUTLER

Fire Chief

CLAYTON E. HOWES

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REPORT OF ASSESSORS

Real Estate, Resident	182,597.00	
Real Estate, Non-resident	107,329.00	
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		289,926.00
Personal Estate, Resident	57,212.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	15,527.00	
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		72,739.00
Total Value of Real and Personal Estate		362,665.00

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND DOMESTIC FOWL

301 Bulls, Cows, Beef, etc.	11,365.00	
110,250 Domestic Fowl (Over 50 in number)	16,455.00	
15 Other Taxable Livestock (Horses)	375.00	
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		28,195.00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade	1,790.00	
Industrial Stock	15,925.00	
Machinery and Equipment	21,144.00	
Watercraft	870.00	
Wood, Lumber and Logs (Not included in items 1 and 2.)	75.00	
Furniture, Fixtures, etc. (including T.V.'s)	4,740.00	
Livestock	28,195.00	
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		72,739.00

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EXEMPT

Livestock and Poultry	1,631.00	
Exempt Polls, 31 @ \$3.00	93.00	
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ASSESSMENTS

146 Polls @ \$3.00	438.00	
Real Estate and Personal	36,266.50	
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REPORT OF SELECTMEN

APPROPRIATIONS

Tax Commitment May 27, 1957		36,704.50
Supplementary Commitment June 8, 1957		552.35
Voted at Town Meeting	33,621.00	
County Tax	2,304.00	
Overlay	779.50	
Supplementary Tax	552.35	
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	37,256.85	37,256.85

TOWN PROPERTY

Village School	10,200.00	
Union School	500.00	
North Searsmont School	700.00	
Town Hall Building	4,000.00	
Town Garage and Equipment	300.00	
Road Machinery	25.00	
Snow Fence	400.00	
Two Sanders	25.00	
½ Interest in 5-gal. Measure	7.00	
1/5 Interest in Weights and Measures	30.00	
Two Safes	50.00	
One Adding Machine	75.00	
One Typewriter	10.00	
Office Furniture	15.00	
Tractor and Snow Plow	2,000.00	
Fire Fighting Equipment	5,000.00	
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	23,337.00	23,337.00

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EXCISE TAX

Excise Tax Collections		3,080.74
Moody Mountain Road	500.00	
Bal. to Surplus	2,580.74	
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	3,080.74	3,080.74

SUPPLEMENTARY COMMITMENT

Supplementary Commitment		552.35
Balance to Surplus	552.35	

OVERLAY

May 27, Committed		779.50
Feb. 3, 1958, Carried to Surplus	779.50	

ABATEMENTS

Abatements, 1957 Taxes	712.63	
Feb. 3, 1958, Carried to Surplus		712.63

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1956 TAX ACCOUNT

Feb. 6, 1957, Uncollected	1,605.63	
Collected and Paid to Treasurer		699.94
Tax Liens Sales		369.42
Feb. 3, 1956, Tax Liens		536.27
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	1,605.63	1,605.63

TOWN PROPERTY ACCOUNT

Cobb, Ida I., Heirs of	
Rankin, Irvin	
Giggey, Gardner and Furrow	
Miller, Harry and Son	
Marlow, Lenora	
Richards, Ivory	

TOWN OFFICERS SALARIES

Appropriations		1,400.00
Distribution:		
Irvin Jackson	478.50	
Perry Davis	180.13	
Leander M. Sprowl	110.00	
Florence Sprowl	72.00	
Norman Withee	10.00	
Harcourt Daniels	11.50	
Bertha Cushman	11.50	
Lottie Sweetland	11.50	
Priscilla Merritt	11.50	
Raymond J. Robinson	83.00	
Clayton E. Howes	225.00	
Ethel Butler	25.00	
Frank Jackson	25.00	
Maynard Marriner	25.00	
Vernon Fuller	25.00	
Balance to Surplus	93.37	
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	1,400.00	1,400.00

FUEL AND OFFICE SUPPLIES

Appropriation		500.00
Distribution:		
Eastern Telephone Co.	45.70	
Central Maine Power Co.	25.40	

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Kelley Press, Inc.	216.76	
Hutchins' Bros.	27.55	
Belfast Bottled Gas Service	71.00	
Thelma Ratten	8.00	
Loring, Short & Harmon	50.24	
Raymond J. Robinson	10.05	
Waldo County Register of Deeds	6.60	
Leander Sprowl	1.90	
Branhan Publishing Co.	6.00	
Marks Printing House	15.65	
C. E. Howes20	
Balance to Surplus	14.95	
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	500.00	500.00

CONTINGENT

Appropriation	300.00
Ernest Potvin	5.00
Field & Quimby	1.90
State Treasurer (Stumpage Ruffingham Meadow)	49.86
State Treasurer (Bank Stock Tax.)	54.11
State Treasurer (R. R. & Tel. Tax.)	12.13
Liens Cost Credits	102.02

Distribution:

Field & Quimby	107.03
Central Maine Power Co.	6.12
Maine Municipal Association	60.00
Charles Mackenzie	10.00

First National Bank	18.61	
State Treasurer (Sanitary Engineering)	4.50	
State Treasurer (Auditing Books)	272.46	
Registry of Deeds	27.00	
Raymond J. Robinson	63.74	
Leander M. Sprowl	10.00	
Perry Davis	2.40	
George Sprowl	5.00	
David Sprowl	1.00	
Irvin Jackson	2.50	
City Drug Store	7.81	
C. E. Howes	25.38	
Earl Howes	2.88	
A. W. Adams	3.00	
Judson Sweetland	25.00	
Hall Hardware	7.25	
Jasper Rawley	141.25	
Overdraft to Surplus		277.41
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	802.43	802.43

COLLECTOR'S COMMISSION

Appropriation		650.00
Distribution:		
Raymond J. Robinson 1957 Tax	668.94	
Raymond J. Robinson 1956 Tax	28.18	
Raymond J. Robinson Excise Tax	49.50	
Overdraft to Surplus		96.62
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	746.62	746.62

FIRE DEPARTMENT EQUIPMENT

Appropriation		1,000.00
Distribution:		
Belfast Bottled Gas Service	63.20	
Frost & Wilkins Inc.	127.65	
Edwin Aldus	219.00	
Allen Pease	212.25	
Kenneth Plaisted	48.00	
Sprowl Bros.	273.48	
Lawrence Cushman	23.30	
Robert Cushman	31.05	
Warren Heath	6.90	
Warren Heath, Jr.	3.45	
Alton Hammond	5.70	
C. E. Howes	10.22	
Overdraft to Surplus		24.20
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	1,024.20	1,024.20

FIRE DEPARTMENT MEN

Appropriation		200.00
Robbins Lumber Inc.		196.00
Distribution:		
City of Belfast	196.00	
Balance to Surplus	200.00	
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	396.00	396.00

STREET LIGHTS

Appropriation		175.00
Distribution:		
Central Maine Power Co.	164.80	
Balance to Surplus	10.20	
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	175.00	175.00

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Appropriation		55.00
Distribution:		
State Treasurer	55.00	
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	55.00	55.00

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation		4,000.00
Distribution:		
David Shibles	46.90	
Merrill Butler	48.18	
Maynard Marriner	45.72	
Earl Howes	14.70	
Harry Marriner	90.49	
State Sand & Gravel	142.65	
Warren Heath, Sr.	89.33	
William Wellman	68.58	
Fredrick Lucas	637.95	
Mary Randall	8.00	
Lucas & Cross	281.27	
Donald Mehuren	16.80	
Roy Sparrow	30.20	
Town of Montville	204.55	
Charles MacKenzie	32.70	
Lawrence Cushman	9.00	
Howard Clark	307.65	
Sprowl Bros.	72.80	
C. E. Gelo	2.00	
Frank Fuller	51.35	
Gardiner Ripley	4.20	
Bancroft & Martin	299.94	
Melbury Hunt	8.00	
Donald Lucas	18.90	

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Claude Turner	10.50	
Town of Palermo	693.01	
W. H. Shurtleff Co.	317.38	
Frank Liegher	31.05	
Arthur Sprowl	51.75	
Tracey Harriman	22.43	
Ernest Potvin	26.80	
Bicknell Mfg.	23.61	
Earl Sprowl	62.10	
Floyd Pease	62.10	
Thomas Flagg	62.10	
Edward Johnson	55.20	
Lawrence McKenney	31.05	
Walter Calderwood	10.35	
Alton Hammond	71.20	
State Highway Comm.	76.09	
Burton Brown	3.45	
Norman Leadbetter	6.83	
Roger Rolands	2.30	
Robert Richards	17.50	
Overdraft to Surplus		168.66
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	4,168.66	4,168.66

MOODY MOUNTAIN ROAD

Appropriation	500.00
Excise Tax	500.00
Distribution:	
Frank Fuller	54.00
Howard Clark	93.15
Lawrence McKenney	10.35
Arthur Buck	31.05
Warren Heath	31.05
Thomas Flagg	41.40
Walter Calderwood	31.05
Frederick Lucas	532.75

Lucas & Cross	68.85	
Clarence Drinkwater	72.00	
Howard Johnson	10.85	
Unexpended to Surplus	4.00	
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	1,000.00	1,000.00

STATE AID ROAD NO. 6

Appropriation		1,066.00
State Treasurer		2,111.87
Distribution:		
Mahlon Nelson	100.94	
Elwood Tobey	104.65	
Chas. Merrithew	52.33	
Harold Dyer	180.23	
Arthur Belden	180.23	
Earl Sprowl	187.13	
Floyd Pease	187.13	
Ralph Pease	183.65	
William Wellman	123.05	
George Sprague	60.63	
Mahlon Glidden	119.63	
Donald Cook	19.80	
George Beldon	29.33	
Millard Saban	120.75	
Norman Pottle	50.03	
Warren Heath	180.23	
Herbert Dyer	93.15	
Howard Dyer	56.03	
Kemton Tobey	20.70	
Earl Stowe	10.35	
Sprowl Bros.	266.76	
Wesley Marple	305.25	
Lewis Robinson	83.25	

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Clayborn Stickney	67.08	
Willis Gerrish	101.93	
Ben Cunningham	164.00	
Alton Hammond	130.60	
Due from State		1.00
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	3,,178.87	3,178.87

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

State Treasurer		4,004.54
Mahlon Nelson	162.63	
Clayborn Stickney	92.58	
Frederick Lucas	393.25	
Wesbra Bowley	90.75	
Sprowl Bros.	372.18	
Willis Gerrish	163.56	
Mahlon Glidden	268.37	
Herbert Ring	1.88	
Harold Dyer	303.61	
Earl Sprowl	303.61	
Floyd Pease	303.61	
Warren Heath	293.26	
Bancroft & Martin	355.83	
Ernest Potvin	109.60	
Melbury Hunt	472.00	
Royce Nelson	70.73	
Chas. Freeman	60.75	
Millard Saban	40.25	
Norman Pottle	20.13	
Myron Glenndenning	47.15	
Maurice Turner	23.58	
Herbert Dyer	46.00	
Howard Dyer	9.20	
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	4,004.54	4,004.54

THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriation		800.00	
Distribution:			
David Shibles	87.10		
Maynard Marriner	112.10		
Warren Heath, Sr.	33.35		
Warren Heath, Jr.	15.23		
Merrill Butler	73.45		
Earl Howes	18.90		
Harry Marriner	30.93		
State Sand & Gravel	296.55		
Frank Fuller	13.80		
Balance to Surplus	118.59		
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	800.00		800.00

ROBBINS ROAD

Appropriation		100.00	
Distribution:			
Lawrence Robbins	100.00		
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	100.00		100.00

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriation		900.00	
Town Sander		22.63	
Driveways		25.00	
State Treasurer		2,787.20	
Distribution:			
Frederick Cross	373.08		
Bert Billings	11.03		

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Frederick Cross, Jr.	33.88	
Warren Heath	439.08	
Warren Heath, Jr.	109.76	
Richard Ames	37.05	
Clarence Gelo	3.60	
Town of Searsmont	30.13	
Frederick Lucas	513.61	
Donald Lucas	64.81	
State Highway Comm.	383.92	
Norman Leadbetter	55.13	
Chas. Mackenzie	10.50	
Harry Marriner	16.25	
W. H. Shurtleff Co.	253.41	
Robert Cushman	98.34	
Lawrence Cushman	584.51	
David Cushman	12.66	
Irvin Jackson	1.73	
Sprowl Bros.	7.17	
C. E. Howes30	
Howard Clark	40.25	
Walter Calderwood	29.90	
Frank Fuller	4.80	
Philip Rhines	5.18	
Donald Mehuren	12.08	
Jerry Murphy	3.45	
Burt Brown	19.55	
Balance to Surplus	579.67	
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	3,734.83	3,734.83

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POOR RELIEF

Appropriation		1,000.00
Distribution:		
Waldo County Hospital	259.25	
Horace Coombs	8.00	
Kirk's Drug Store	14.00	
George Ellis	70.00	
Seth Read M.D.	14.00	
George Temple M.D.	67.00	
City of Belfast	174.12	
Balance to Surplus	393.63	
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	1,000.00	1,000.00

STATE POOR RELIEF

State of Maine		679.00
Distribution:		
John A. Caswell M.D.	104.00	
Kirk's Drug Store	137.50	
Frost & Wilkins	341.90	
Frank W. Kibbe M.D.	50.00	
City of Belfast	75.90	
Due from State Treasurer		31.30
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	710.30	710.30

MOTHERS' AID

Appropriation		900.00
Distribution:		
State Treasurer	634.32	
Balance to Surplus	265.68	
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	900.00	900.00

SUPPLEMENT AID TO OLD AGE AND BLIND

Appropriation		800.00
Distribution:		
John A. Caswell M.D.	6.00	
City Drug Store	77.58	
Clements Home	266.00	
George Temple M.D.	15.00	
Seth Read M.D.	30.00	
Kirk's Drug Store59	
Rackliffe Funeral Home	125.00	
Mrs. Ruby Turner	160.00	
Town of Montville	6.00	
Robert Wilson M.D.	88.75	
Balance to Surplus	25.08	
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	800.00	800.00

CEMETERIES

Appropriation		400.00
First National Bank		93.75
Distribution:		
Chas. Mackenzie	147.51	
Earl Howes	93.45	
C. E. Howes	6.60	
Hall Hardware	32.42	
Home Supply Center	32.40	
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Balance to Surplus	181.37	
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	493.75	493.75

COUNTY TAX

Assessment		2,304.00
Paid County Treasurer	2,304.00	
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	2,304.00	2,304.00

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INTEREST ON LOANS

Appropriation		400.00
Paid First National Bank	387.75	
Balance to Surplus	12.25	
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	400.00	400.00

OUTSTANDING LOANS

Feb. 6, 1957, Due First National Bank		5,250.00
Paid First National Bank Bridge Loan	650.00	
Paid First National Bank Fire Dept. Loan	2,000.00	
Feb. 3, 1958, Due First National Bank	2,600.00	
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	5,250.00	5,250.00

PORCUPINE BOUNTY

Feb. 6, 1957, Due from State Treasurer	18.50	
Paid to Town Treasurer	50.00	
Received from State Treasurer		59.00
Feb. 3, 1958, Due from State Treasurer		9.50
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	68.50	68.50

STATE OF MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU

Appropriation		25.00
Paid to State Treasurer	25.00	
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	25.00	25.00

CHARLES RIPLEY INCOME ACCOUNT

Feb. 6, 1957, Bal. in First National Bank		688.77
Interest		5.53
Deposits		109.70
Withdrawals	378.91	
Feb. 3, 1958, Bal. First National Bank	425.09	
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	804.00	804.00

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SURPLUS ACCOUNT

Feb. 6, 1957, Balance as per audit		4,049.31
Transferred to School Account	2,049.31	
Feb. 3, 1958 Excise Tax		2,580.74
“ “ “ Supplementary Commitment		552.35
“ “ “ Overlay		779.50
“ “ “ Abatements	712.63	
“ “ “ Fuel and Office Supplies		14.95
“ “ “ Town Officers' Salaries		95.37
“ “ “ Contingent	277.41	
“ “ “ Collector's Commission	96.62	
“ “ “ Fire Dept. Equipment	24.20	
“ “ “ Fire Dept. Men		200.00
“ “ “ Street Lights		10.20
“ “ “ Roads and Bridges	168.66	
“ “ “ Moody Mountain Road		4.00
“ “ “ Third Class Road Maintenance		118.59
“ “ “ Snow Removal		579.67
“ “ “ Poor Relief		393.63
“ “ “ Mothers' Aid		265.68
“ “ “ Old Age and Blind		25.08
“ “ “ Cemeteries		181.37
“ “ “ Interest on Loans		12.25
“ “ “ Town Property		552.00
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	3,328.83	10,414.69
Surplus Account Feb. 3, 1958	7,085.86	
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	10,414.69	10,414.69

TREASURER'S REPORT

Cash on hand, Feb. 6, 1957		2,299.28
R. J. Robinson 1957 Taxes	34,333.22	
R. J. Robinson 1956 Taxes	699.94	
R. J. Robinson 1957 Excise Tax	3,080.74	
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		38,113.90
First National Bank of Belfast	10,000.00	10,000.00
Received from State Treasurer:		
Porcupine Bounty	59.00	
State School Fund	9,554.00	
State Poor Relief	658.00	
Town Road Improvement	4,004.54	
Hurricane Relief	932.50	
Bank Stock Tax Refund	54.11	
Stumpage—Ruffingham Meadow	49.86	
State Aid Highway	2,111.87	
Snow Removal	2,787.20	
R.R. & Telephone Refund	12.13	
Hot Lunch	24.00	
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		20,247.21
Withholding Tax Cr.	1,055.60	
Harold Wing Thorndike Lot .	100.00	
Frederick Lucas, M. Parker Camp	25.00	
Frederick Lucas, Cogswell Lot	25.00	
Robbins Lumber Inc., Sadie Steves Lot	302.00	
Avis L. Jackson, Ripley House	4,150.00	
Sprowl Bros. Inc., Plantation	100.00	
Ruby Cameron, Plowing Driveway	5.00	
Field & Quimby, Insurance Refund	1.90	

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Frederick Cross, Plowing Driveways	20.00
Roberta Ripley, Refund	8.62
Milton Blake, N. Searsmont School (Wood)	16.00
Hazel Bagley, School Desk	2.50
Merrill Trust Co., Recreation Room Fund	68.15
Ernest Potvin, Culvert	5.00
Grolier Society Inc., Refund	1.00
Wilfred Cross, Refund	43.60
Robbins Lumber Inc. Refund Fire Dept	196.00
Town of Searsmont, Sander	22.63
First National Bank, Cemetery Funds	93.75

 6,241.75

1955 TAX LIEN SALES

John Ingalls, Lot No. 1	26.93
John Ingall, Lot No. 2	13.00
Stewart M. Farrington, Lot No. 1 & 2	63.33
Agnes Fuller	112.90
Jerry Murphy	24.23
Alton Hammond	18.48
Malcolm Callahan	40.00
Harry and Lena Smith, Lot No. 1 & 2	68.75
Hilda Harriman	53.95
Harrison Burke	62.93
Reginald Magno	40.43
Herbert Butler	8.93

 533.86

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1956 TAX LIEN SALES

Charles Connant	25.50	
Stewart Farrington, Lot No. 1 & 2	46.32	
Louise Sharkey	37.11	
Merton E. Woods, Lot No. 1	51.73	
Merton E. Woods, Lot No. 2	12.60	
Byron Carr, Lot No. 1	23.78	
Byron Carr, Lot No. 2	8.73	
Louis Storti	77.53	
John and Doris Vickery	129.13	
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		412.43
Total of Receipts		77,848.43
Less Warrants Drawn		65,469.13
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		12,379.30

Signed,

CLAYTON E. HOWES

Treasurer

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For The Year of 1957

Tax Commitment May 27, 1957	36,704.50	
Supplemental Commitment	552.35	
Collected and Paid to Treasurer		34,333.22
Abatements		712.63
Uncollected to 1958		2,211.00
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	37,256.85	37,256.85

Respectfully Submitted,

(Signed) RAYMOND J. ROBINSON

Tax Collector, 1957

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UNPAID TAXES FOR 1957 — RESIDENT

**Paid after books were closed.

Allenwood, Alton W. and Nellie C.	133.00
Butler, Clinton A.	110.60
Callahan, Malcolm	40.00
Callahan, Malcolm and Margaret E.	35.00
Conant, Charles	10.00
Fuller, Agnes G.	121.00
Fuller, Norman C.	52.50
Fuller, Milon	25.20
Fuller, Gardiner	12.00
Gelo, Clarence E.	120.00
Harriman, Lawrence, Jr.	10.00
Harriman, Hilda H.	55.50
Jackson, Irvin R.	213.50
Marriner, Harry F.	30.00**
Mortise, Shirley T. and Videll J.	35.00
Mehuren, Donald E. and Irene F.	54.00
Rowlands, Harold and Yola	121.60
Ripley, Clyde L. and Virginia P.	47.00
Ripley, George W. and Roberta J.	115.00
Sparrow, Hale	8.00
Smith, Harry Sr. and Lena	67.50
Wood, Merton E.	65.00
Baker, George	5.00**
Bernosky, Ralph	15.00
Fuller, Arnold T.	40.00

 1,541.40

NON-RESIDENT

Brown, Gladys L.	99.00
Burke, Harrison L.	65.00
Carter, Raymond E. and Carl E. Dudley	20.00
Ellis, Ambrose	22.00
Farrington, Stewart M.	61.00
Greenlaw, Dwight, Heirs of	45.00
Hjulstrom, William A.	5.00
Latter, Leslie W. and Mildred E.	194.50
Jones, Richard M.	61.00
Murphy, Jerry E.	22.00
Palmer, Lysander and Glenise	5.50**
Whitehead, Walter, Heirs of	40.00
Tenney, Earl	40.00
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	680.00
Total Uncollected to 1958	<hr/> 2,221.40

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Number of Vital Statistics Recorded	28
Number of Marriages of Citizens of Searsmont	6
Number of Births of Citizens of Searsmont	14
Number of Deaths of Citizens of Searsmont	2
Number of Persons Buried Here	5

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND J. ROBINSON

Town Clerk

Searsmont, Maine

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Resources

Raised by Town	15,000.00
State School Fund	9,454.00
Professional Credits	100.00
Received from Milton Blake for Wood	16.00

Total	24,570.00
Less Overdraft, Feb. 1, 1957	567.58

Total Available	24,002.42
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Liabilities

Elementary Teachers	8,653.04
Professional Credit	50.00
Secondary Tuition:	
City of Belfast	4,865.28
Town of Camden	1,240.00
Town of Liberty	900.00
Town of Appleton	625.00
Salary of Supt. of Schools	456.26
Janitorial Service	280.80
Conveyance and Bus Insurance	4,306.39
Fuel	840.07
Textbooks and Supplies	813.92
Telephone and Electric	156.07

Total	23,186.83
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Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1958	815.59
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LUNCH ACCOUNT

Raised by Town	400.00	
Government Milk Subsidy	24.00	
Total	424.00	
Less Overdraft, Feb. 1, 1957	15.24	
Total Available	408.76	
Paid on Order	138.44	
Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1958		270.32

REPAIR, INSURANCE AND NEW EQUIPMENT

Balance on Hand, Feb. 1, 1957	140.69	
Raised by Town	1,200.00	
Received from P.T.A.	225.00	
Received from Hazel Bagley for School Desk	2.50	
Total	1,568.19	
Paid on Order	1,569.11	
Overdraft, Feb. 1, 195892

PROPOSED BUDGET

Elementary Teachers	9,475.04
Elementary Tuition	200.00
Secondary Tuition	7,098.08
Salary of Supt. of Schools	600.00
Janitorial Service	313.00
Conveyance	5,386.00
Handicapped Education	500.00

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Fuel	900.00
Textbooks and Supplies	800.00
Electric and Telephone	150.00
Total	25,422.12

SOURCES

State School Fund	9,454.00
To be Raised by Town	15,900.00

REPAIR

To be raised by Town as per motion.

We renovated and furnished the additional room at the Village School to make ready accommodations for the pupils from the North Searsmont School. The reorganization is proving to be a step in the right direction. The P.T.A. gave liberal assistance in helping to purchase new desks and chairs.

The Sinclair Law has, at this reporting, been made complete and workable by a revision in the special session of the State Legislature. I am confident that you will wish to be thoroughly familiar with its implications before further reorganization of the town's public school system is contemplated. The assistance for any major building program is very liberal on the part of the state and makes possible, in the future, a brand of education not otherwise possible. I am making an endeavor to be present at your town meeting to help you become familiar with its offering.

Respectfully submitted,

LEWIS L. GRAY

Superintendent of Schools

ANNUAL REPORT

AUDIT REPORT
TOWN OF SEARSMONT
YEAR ENDED FEBRUARY 6, 1957
State of Maine
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
Augusta

June 25, 1957

Board of Selectmen
Searsmont,
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 91, Section 142 of the Revised Statutes of 1954, an audit has been conducted of the financial records of the Town of Searsmont for the fiscal year ended February 6, 1957.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards that pertain to governmental accounting and was conducted by Auditor C. G. Hawes of the State Department of Audit. Audit analysis was on a basis consistent with that of the preceding year, and included all procedures which were considered necessary in the circumstances.

Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town were appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying comments. A recommendation is also offered which is believed worthy of consideration.

The financial and statistical sections, incorporated in this report, present the results of the Town's financial operations for the period indicated.

Respectfully submitted,
MICHAEL A. NAPOLITANO
State Auditor

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COMMENTS**Town of Searsmont****February 12, 1956 to February 6, 1957**

An audit of the financial records maintained by various officers of the Town of Searsmont has been completed for the fiscal year ended February 6, 1957.

The examination included a review of cash transactions and an analysis of available funds and expenditures. The results are incorporated in the following text, exhibits and schedules.

The fiscal year's operations showed that available funds exceeded expenditures by \$1,389.47, per the following summary:

Departmental Operations:	
Unexpended Balances	\$7,192.41
Overdrafts	5,802.94
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Net Unexpended Balances	\$1,389.47

The unappropriated balance of excise taxes, the overlay and supplemental tax revenue, and the unexpended balances in the poor relief and certain highway accounts were the principal factors contributing to the excess of available funds over expenditures. Overdrafts were reflected for the most part in the highways and bridges, and contingent accounts.

Assets

The cash balance of \$2,299.28 was reconciled with a statement furnished by the First National Bank of Belfast, Maine. Cash was counted at date of audit and reconciled with the closing balance.

Other assets were reviewed and verification undertaken, on a test basis, to determine their correctness at the year end. Unpaid accounts were reconciled with the balances shown on the records.

Liabilities

The general fund liabilities totaled \$2,013.90, at the close of the year. The amount consisted principally of the balance of a hurricane damage loan of \$2,000.00, which was issued in 1954 and is due on demand.

Reserves and Surplus

The appropriation accounts reflect a net overdraft of \$330.32 at February 6, 1957. This amount represents various operating account balances and overdrafts that are carried forward to the ensuing year in accordance with legal requirements and/or customary practice.

The unappropriated surplus amounted to \$4,049.31, a net increase of \$942.16 for the year. The change was occasioned principally by the excess of available funds over expenditures, less an adjustment of the hurricane damage account.

Debt Fund

The debt fund, incorporated in the financial statement as a separate fund, reflects outstanding bridge construction, fire truck and equipment notes of \$1,250.00, \$1,500.00 and \$500.00 respectively which are to be retired from future years' revenue with interest at 3%.

Trust and Special Funds

The total amount of trust fund principals was \$14,100.00 and unexpended income amounted to \$2,663.10 at the year end. These funds are represented by U. S. Government Bonds of \$11,100.00, and time deposits of \$5,663.10 in the First National Bank of Belfast, Maine.

The special fund for school construction, known as the "Marriener School Fund" was established during the year by the receipt of a \$500.00, U. S. Savings Bond.

Departmental Accounts

The review of the departmental accounts revealed a decrease of \$2,328.77, in funds raised by taxation, as compared with the preceding year. The decrease was reflected principally in the highway and charity accounts. Increases in the education and indebtedness accounts were also factors.

The departmental balances carried forward to the ensuing year decreased by \$4,005.18, as compared with balances at the start of the year. The decrease was reflected principally in the charity and education accounts.

General

The examination of the town clerk's records, as pertained to financial operations, revealed that the transfer of excise tax revenue to the New England and Moody Mountain road accounts was authorized by the townspeople.

It is suggested that the treasurer make more frequent deposits of town funds.

Scope of Audit

Count of cash was made and records checked to determine the accuracy of recording cash transactions. The system of internal control was reviewed as pertained to the handling of cash and other matters of financial concern. External verifications were utilized, on a test basis, to determine the correctness of recorded assets and liabilities.

An analysis was made of receipts and deposits as well as expenditures and bank charges. Vouchers, payrolls and canceled checks were examined for a selected period. Excise tax collections were verified with the copies of the receipts retained by the collector. The investments and time deposits representing the trust funds were verified by actual inspection and/or bank confirmation.

Various laws pertaining to the fiscal operations of the municipality was reviewed to determine that related financial transactions had been properly administered. Bond coverage was examined.

Included in this report are exhibits and schedules pertaining to the financial status of the town. Audit procedures were followed to the extent deemed necessary to develop these statements.

It is believed, subject to the foregoing comments, the accompanying statement of financial condition and supporting information present fairly the financial position of the town at February 6, 1957, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

General Fund

ASSETS

	February 6, 1957	February 11, 1956
Cash—General (Sch. A-1)	2,299.28	4,476.29
—Petty	2.50	20.50
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Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-2)	2,301.78	4,496.79
Taxes Receivable (Sch. A-3)	268.06	311.44
Less—Reserve for Losses	1,605.47	1,813.37
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	56.09	
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Tax Liens (Sch. A-4)	1,605.47	1,757.28
Tax Acquired Property (Sch. A-5) ..	552.25	645.84
Hurricane Damage Participation —	166.73	136.12
Federal Anticipation	932.50	1,661.54
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Total—General Fund	5,826.79	9,009.11
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Debt Fund

ASSETS

Amount Necessary to Retire Notes from Future Revenue	3,250.00	4,900.00
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Trust and Special Funds

ASSETS

Trust Funds: (Sch. A-8)		
Time Deposits	5,663.10	4,958.07
Investments	11,100.00	11,300.00
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Total Trust Funds	16,763.10	16,258.07
Special Fund:		
Investments (Sch. A-9)	500.00	
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Total—Trust and Special Funds	17,263.10	16,258.07
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EXHIBIT A

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

February 6, 1957 February 11, 1956

General Fund

LIABILITIES, RESERVES AND SURPLUS

Liabilities:

Accounts Payable (Sch. A-6)	13.90	11.00
Notes Payable (Sch. A-7)	2,000.00	2,000.00

Total Liabilities	2,013.90	2,011.00
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Reserves:

Departmental Balances Carried (net) (Exhibit D)	(330.32)	3,774.86
Withholding Taxes	93.90	116.00

Total Reserves	(236.42)	3,890.86
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Surplus:

Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	4,049.31	3,107.15
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Total—General Fund	5,826.79	9,009.01
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Debt Fund

LIABILITIES

Notes Payable (Sch. A-7)	3,250.00	4,900.00
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Trust and Special Funds

LIABILITIES

Trust Funds (Sch. A-8)		
Principals	14,100.00	13,650.00
Unexpended Income	2,663.10	2,608.07

Total Trust Funds	16,763.10	16,258.07
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Special Fund:

Marriner School Fund (Sch. A-9)	500.00	
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Total—Trust and Special Funds	17,263.10	16,258.07
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TOWN WARRANT

State of Maine

County of Waldo, ss

To Raymond J. Robinson, a Constable of the Town of Searsmont
in the County of Waldo, Greeting:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the Inhabitants of said Town of Searsmont qualified by law to vote in Town affairs to assemble in the Town Hall in the Village in said Town on the Third day of March, A. D. 1958 at ten o'clock Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

(The amounts listed below were recommended at the Budget Meeting.)

- Art. 1. To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.
M. Withers
- Art. 2. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.
R. Robinson
- Art. 3. To see if the Town will accept the report of the Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
Don Lucas
C. Lelo
L. Cushman
- Art. 4. To choose three or more Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of the Poor for the ensuing year.
- Art. 5. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.
C. Homer
- Art. 6. To choose one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.
Fred Lucas M.
H. Mamm - E.
H. Clark - S.
- Art. 7. To choose one member of the School Committee, for three years.
M. Withers

- Art. 8. To choose a Collector of Taxes and to determine the method of Collecting the Taxes. *R. Robinson 278 and paper*
- Art. 9. To choose one or more Constables for the ensuing year. *Left to selectmen*
- Art. 10. To choose a Fire Chief for the ensuing year. *C. Homes*
- Art. 11. To choose all other Town Officers.
- Art. 12. To see what wages the Town will vote to pay the following men and equipment for the ensuing year.
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| (a) Men and Trucks. | <i>S. Image</i> | |
| (b) School Committee | | \$ 25.00 |
| (c) Health Officer | | 25.00 |
| (d) Town Clerk | | 75.00 |
| (e) Town Treasurer | | 150.00 |
| (f) Selectmen First | | 1.50 per hr. |
| Second | | 1.25 per hr. |
| Third | | 1.25 per hr. |
| (g) Fire Chief | | 75.00 |
| (h) All other Town Officers. | <i>S. Image</i> | |
- Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to grant a two percent or more abatement on taxes for voluntary cash payment on or before July 10, 1958. *yes*
- Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest on unpaid Taxes after November First. *no*

- Art. 15. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$55.00 for Public Health Nursing, in Searsmont, said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service. 5
- Art. 16. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges under the provisions of Section 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944, as amended. \$1,066.00 (2 units). 1.066
- Art. 17. To see if the Town will vote to earmark \$1,000.00 of Excise Tax for construction on Fred Elms road, beginning at Route 173. 1000
- Art. 18. To see what sum the Town will raise for Pond Road. 95
- Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the following purposes:
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| (a) Poor Relief | \$ 700.00 | 700 |
| (b) Mothers' Aid | 800.00 | 800 |
| (c) Supplement Aid to Old Age Assistance and Blind | 800.00 | 800 |
| (d) Roads and Bridges | 4,000.00 | 4000 |
| (e) Maintenance of Improved Third Class Roads | 500.00 | 500 |
| (f) Snow Removal for the years 1958-59 and by what method the snow shall be removed | 900.00 | 900 |
| (g) Contingent Account | 300.00 | 300 |
| (h) Town Officers Salaries | 1,600.00 | 1600 |

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(i)	Town Report, Fuel and Office Supplies	500.00	500.00
(j)	Interest on Loans	400.00	350.00
(k)	Commission of Tax Collector	650.00	550.00
(l)	Fire Dept. Equipment	1,000.00	1000.00
(m)	Fire Dept. Men	200.00	200.00
(n)	Cemeteries and Flags	400.00	400.00
(o)	Street Lights	175.00	175.00
(p)	To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 to take care of Hurricane note in the First National Bank of Belfast	1,000.00	1000.00
<i>Surplus</i>			
Art. 20.	To see what sum of money the Town will raise and appropriate for support of Common Schools for the ensuing year	16,000.00	10000.00
Art. 21.	To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for Schoolhouse repairs, insurance, and new equipment	600.00	600.00
Art. 22.	To see what method the Town will vote to adopt for the care of the poor and needy of said Town during the ensuing year. <i>Selection</i>		
Art. 23.	To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 for Civilian Defense	200.00	200.00
<i>Surplus</i>			
Art. 24.	To see if the Town will raise and appropriate for \$650.00 to take care of Bridge Construction note at the First National Bank in Belfast	650.00	600.00

- Art. 25. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for construction of Moody Mountain Road beginning at the Cora Richards Road 500.00 *500.00*
from estate
- Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to earmark \$500.00 of Excise Tax for construction of Moody Mountain Road beginning at the Cora Richards Road 500.00 *500.00*
- Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$100.00 for the Robbins Road, so called, said road leading from Route 131 to Toothaker's Field 100.00 *100.00*
- Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen in behalf of the Town to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town for non-payment of Taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute Quit Claim Deed for such property.
- Art. 29. To see what the Town will vote to do about repairing the Town Hall Building. *500.00*
- Art. 30. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to procure Temporary Loan or Loans, not to exceed a total of \$10,000.00 and to execute and deliver in the name of the Town its note or notes thereof, said loan or loans to be paid during the municipal year out of the money raised by Taxes during the current year. *yes*
- Art. 31. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for School Lunches 400.00 *400.00*

- Art. 32. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 91, Section 108 of the Revised Statutes of 1954. *95-*
- Art. 33. To see what amount the Town will vote to take from the Surplus Account, and apply to a new School Building Fund. *passed*
- Art. 34. To see what the Town will do about the North Searsmont School Building. *passed*
- Art. 35. To see if the Town will vote to have Town Meeting in the evening.

The Selectmen will be in session at the Town Hall at nine o'clock Eastern Standard Time, in the forenoon, on the Third day of March, A. D. 1958, for correcting the voting lists.

Given under our hand this Tenth day of February, A. D. 1958.
A true copy attest:

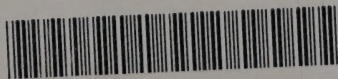
IRVIN R. JACKSON

PERRY L. DAVIS

LEANDER M. SPROWL

Selectmen of Searsmont

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